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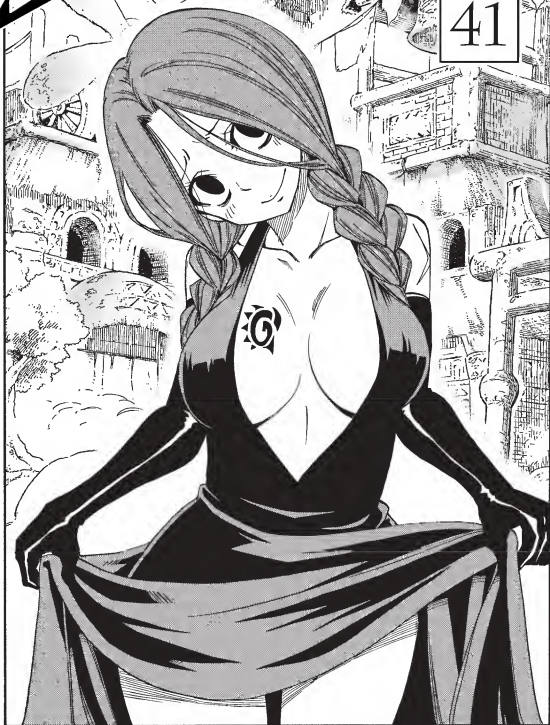
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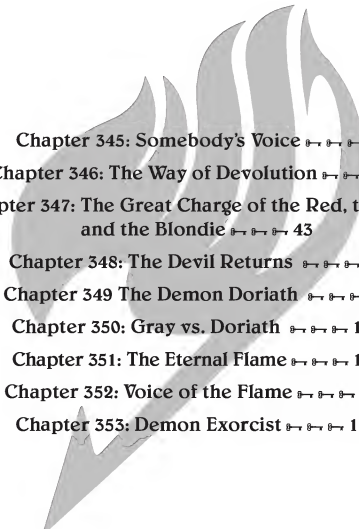
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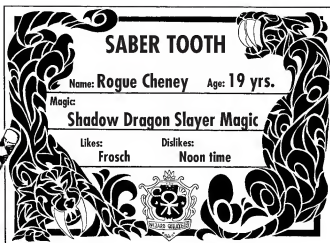


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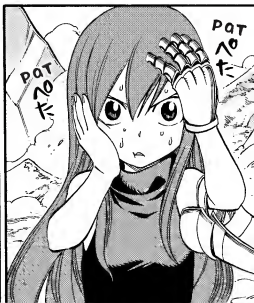
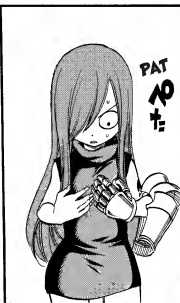
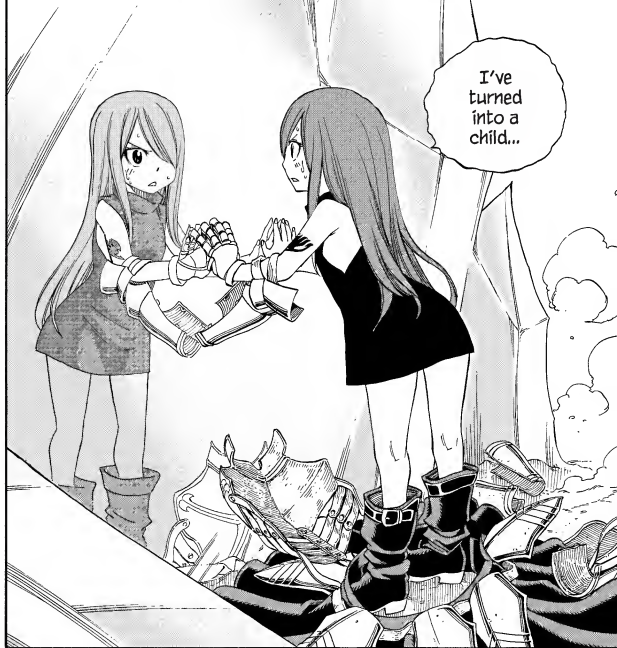
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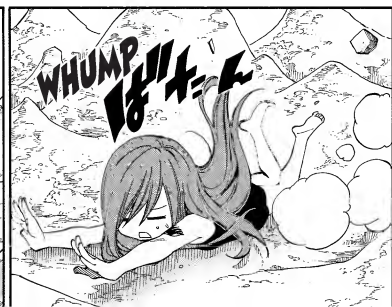
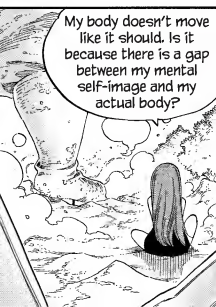
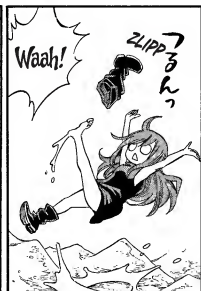
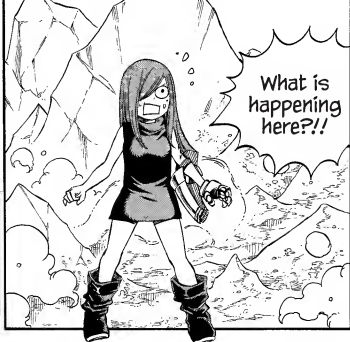


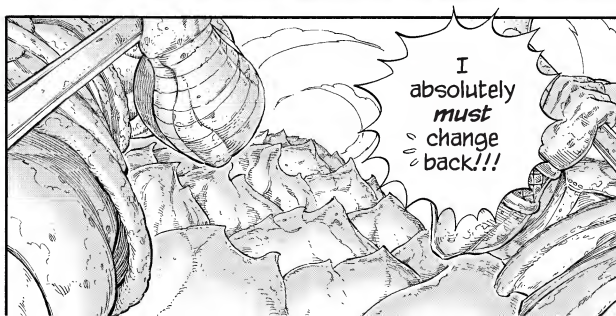
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One of the Twin Dragons of Saber Tooth. When he was young, he looked up to Gajeel of Phantom Lord, and he hoped to become a member of Phantom Lord himself. During that same period, hating the meaning of the name Rogue, he started calling himself Lios. It is not known when or where he first met his partner Frosch, but he had not yet met him seven years ago when he was a fan of Gajeel. After the Grand Magic Games, Rogue was shocked to learn that it was a future version of himself who was behind the dragons' attack, and he has made a solemn vow never to fall into darkness.

Chapter 345: Somebody's Voice









Hey!! Don't ever try to do a heavy comparison between Sylph Labyrinth and your average treasure hunter guild!



You're good for guys who don't use magic!



We are Fiore's best
treasure hunter
guild!! We won the
heavy first prize in
the Grand Treasure
Games!!!

*Background Title: Grand Treasure Games



Don't go
actually being
impressed!

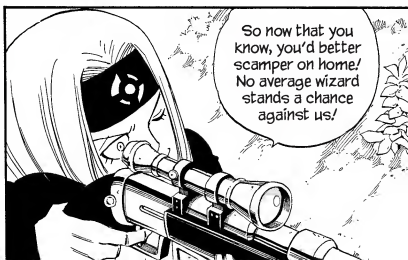
That's
amazing!

C-
Congrats
...

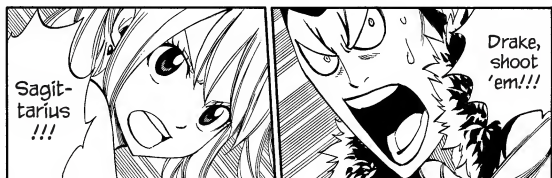
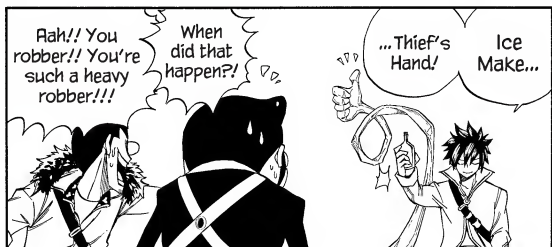
So the treasure
hunters' world has
the same kind of
festival as
we do.



Yes, but
we're not
your *average*
wizards
either.

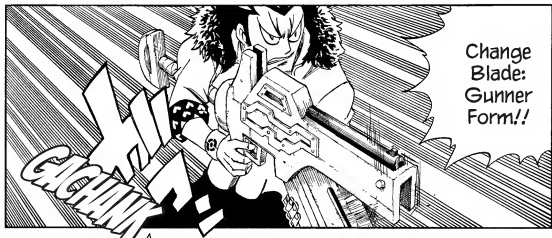


So now that you
know, you'd better
scamper on home!
No average wizard
stands a chance
against us!









Change
Blade:
Gunner
Form!!

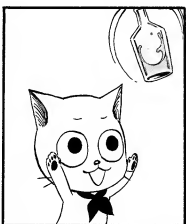
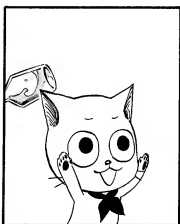


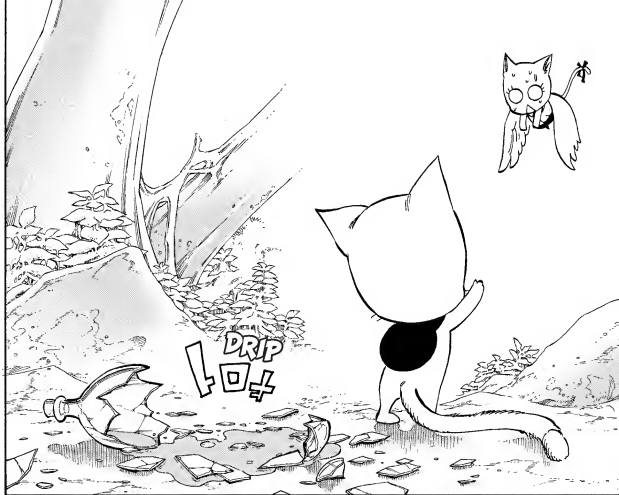
OHhhh
!!!

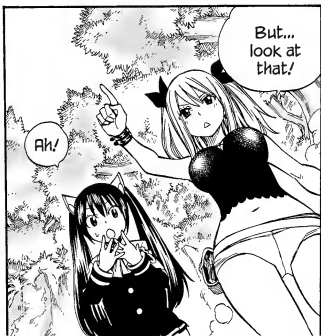
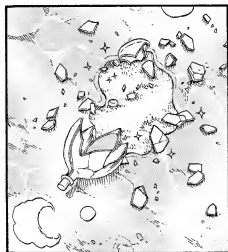
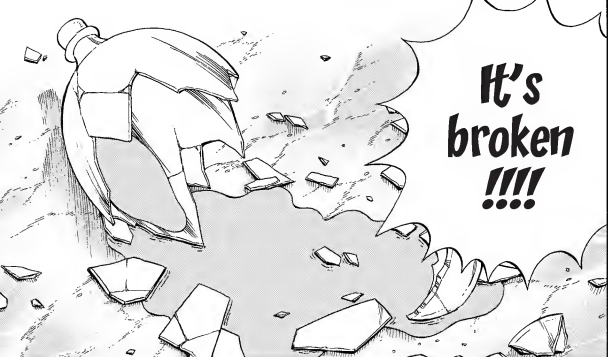


GRATCH

Yes!!!









Then our idea to free the whole village with this amount of Moon Drip was impossible from the start.



It hardly melted any ice at all.



Er... You've switched.

This calls for a **heavy** do-over !!!

We gotta change plans with a **DUUN!**



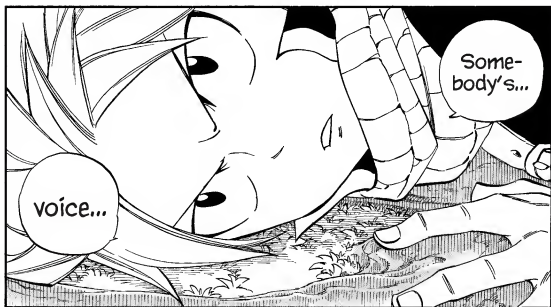
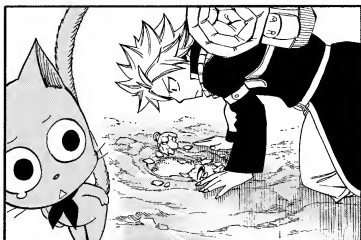
Here we thought we could melt the eternal flame with a **DUUN...**

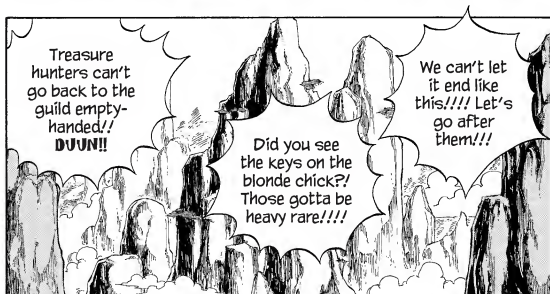
No way!!! You mean our plan was a heavy no-go?!!

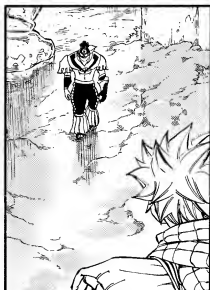
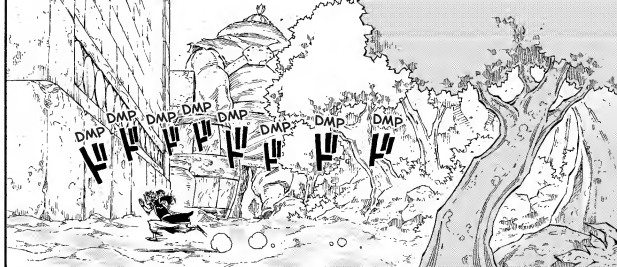


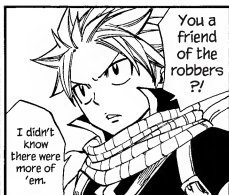
Natsu... If you're going to hit me, do it on my bottom...





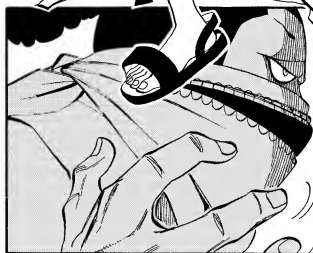






BOOM

What just
happened
?!!



Now that
you're a
child, ending
you will be
quick!

110 KRAKK
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Chapter 346: The Way of Devolution

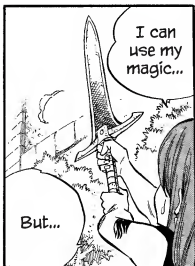


SABER TOOTH	
Name: Lector	Age: 13 yrs.
Magic: Aera	
Likes: Sting-kun	Dislikes: Bullies

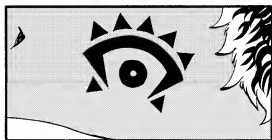
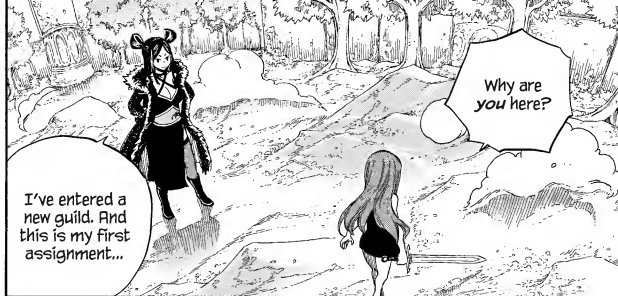


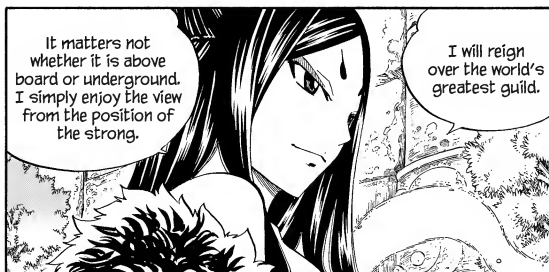
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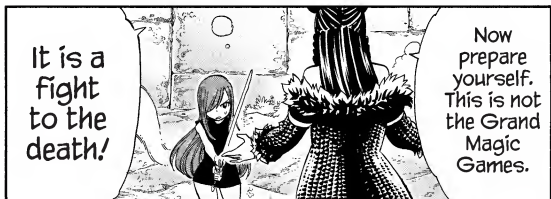
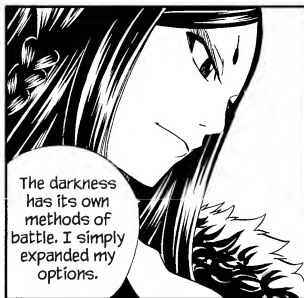
Lector is thought to be an Exceed who came from Edolas. He met Sting as a young child, and was drawn to him by his strength, then grew to like him to the point of worship. During the Grand Magic Games, he was nearly eliminated by Master Ziemma, but Minerva used her space-manipulation magic to keep him alive. He then attached himself to Millianna, who was also caught up in Minerva's magic, to escape.











You're some
treasure robber,
but you can use
magic?!



Like I
said, I am
no robber.

I turned
into a
kid!!!!



What's
going on
here?!

Let's just
finish this
thing off.



But
whatever.

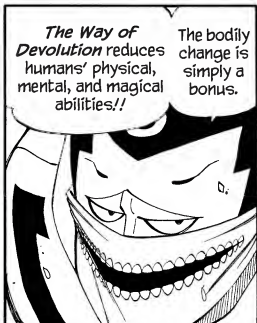
Damn it!!
My body
won't move
right!!



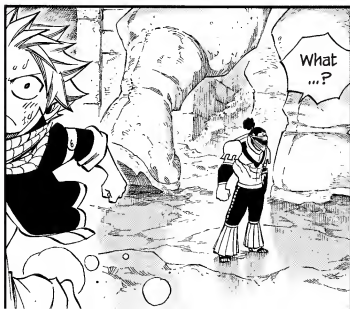
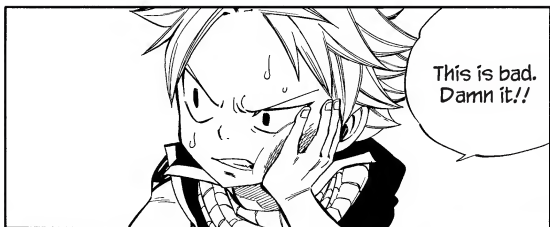


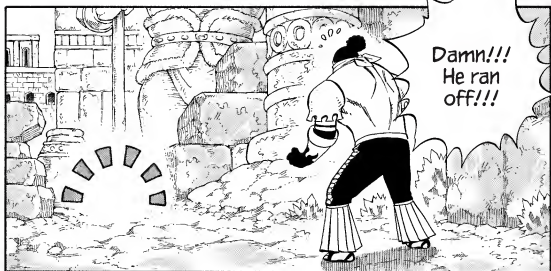
*Roar

*Fire Dragon's











**He'll learn
to fear the
might of the
Inhumans!**



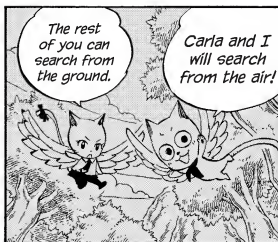
I'm sorry!
The ground's
frozen...

Are you
all right,
Wendy?



KYAA!!

**RAV
RAV
ON**







We'll take them now with a **DUUN!!!!**

Now that the cat's out of the bag, we heavily got no choice **!!!!**

New goal!!!!
Your keys are, like, heavily rare, right?!!



Um... We apologize for breaking the bottle...

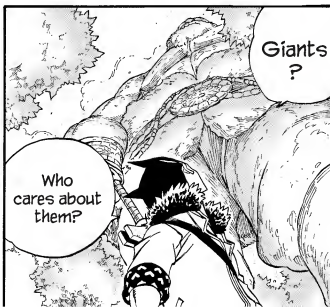
But we're not here to fight. We want to save the giants.



What's with these guys?!

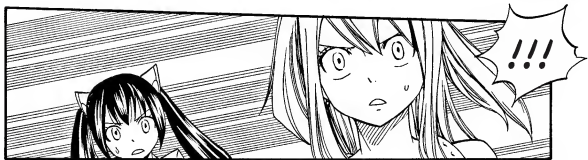


We treasure hunters only ask ourselves one question...

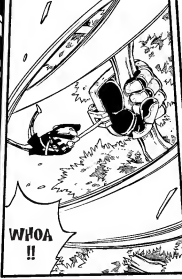


Giants?

Who cares about them?







We don't *want* a fight, but you're being so awful, we can't let it stand.

If you want to hurt the people of this village, you'll have to go through us!!



I don't need no chicks!! Let's kill 'em with a **DUUN!!**

Sweet... We can get treasure *and* chicks!!





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Chapter 347: The Great Charge of the Red, the Blue, and the Blondie



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By the way, the
costume is pink.

SABER TOOTH	
Name: Frosch	Age: ?
Magic: Aera	
Likes: Frogs	Dislikes: Worms

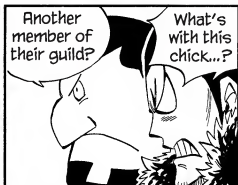
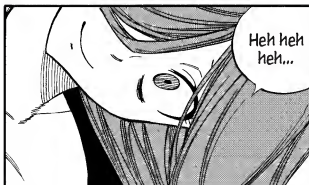
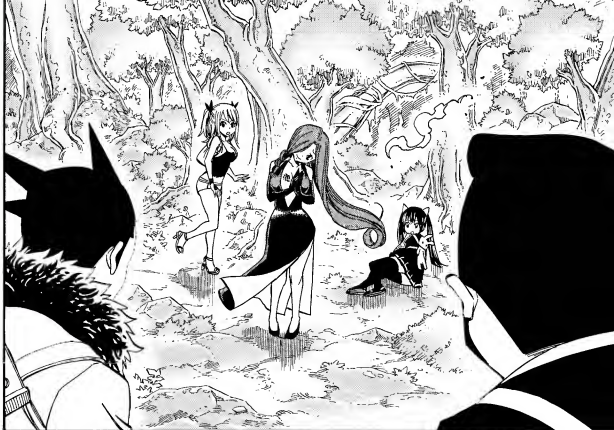
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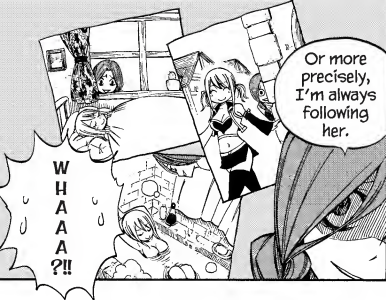
When Frosch was little, the cat believed it was a frog. Discovery of the truth brought on three days of tears.

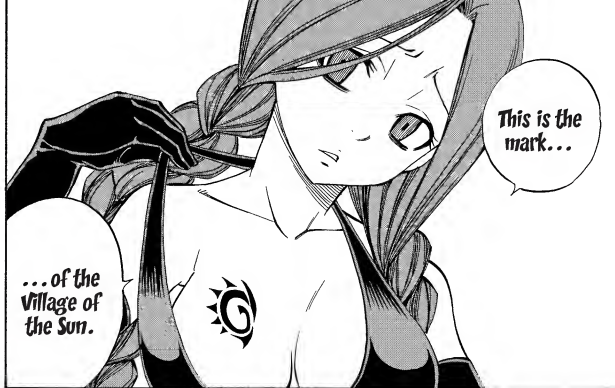
Afterwards, the young Exceed received a frog costume, and has worn this beloved costume every day since.

From the day Frosch met Rogue, they've been inseparable. Lector is another good friend.

Though a bit dim-witted, Frosch could beat Lector in a footrace, believe it or not! Frosch is destined to be killed in one year, but is not aware of this fate yet.

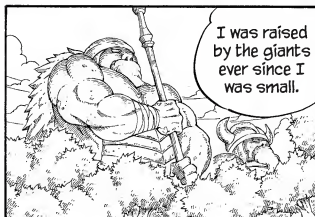






This is the mark...

...of the Village of the Sun.



I was raised by the giants ever since I was small.



No way!

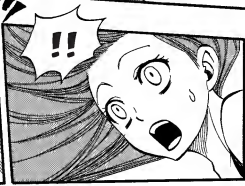
Flare-san, you're from this village?!!

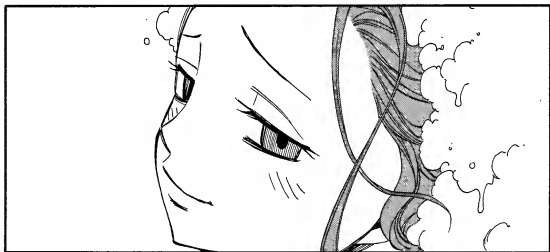


And now I come back to find... everyone... my family...

I will not forgive this!

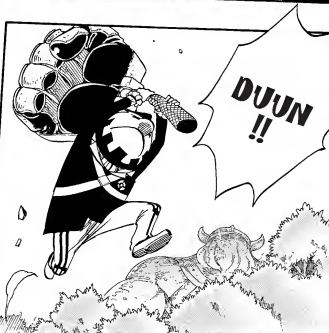




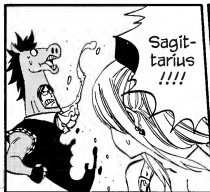
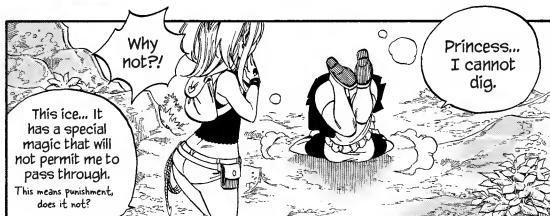
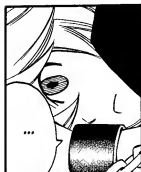




*Sky Dragon's





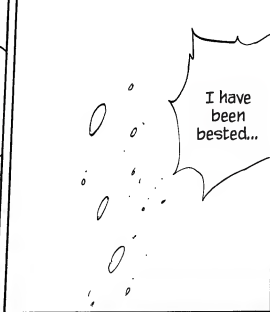




KACHAK

The latest weapons
ain't just
toys.

Ain't nothin'
faster than
a rifle!



I have
been
bested...



HAIR SHOWER,
RAVENOUS
WOLF!

GROOOOVL



Kh!



My hair was a
gift from the
eternal flame. It
is my pride and
joy!

SLASH

Hair just
naturally can't
stand up to a
heavy sharp
blade!!!

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

**HAIR
SHOWER,
FIREFLY
!!!!**

BOOM

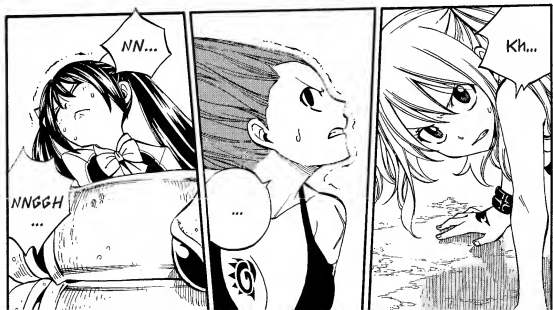
BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

**FLI
FLI
FLI**









DWOOOM

**Lucy
Kick
!!!!**

**And
Virgo
Kick!!!!**

ZLATT

ZLATT

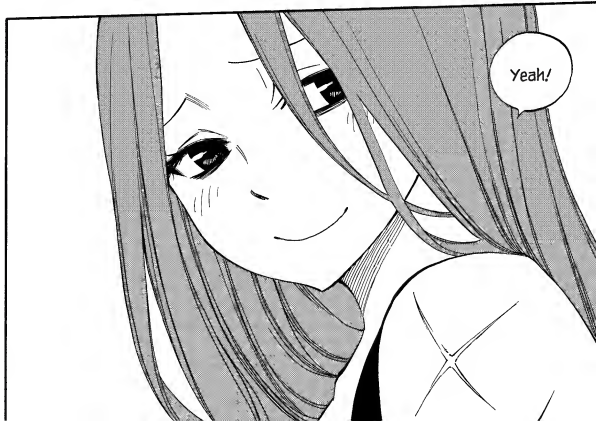
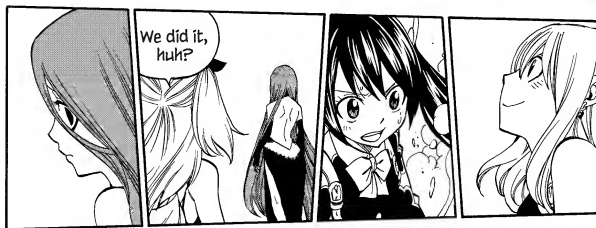
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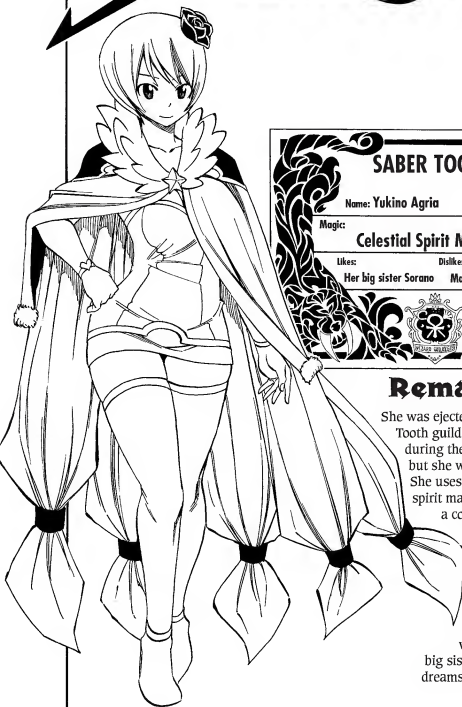
ZLATT

**HAIR
SHOWER,
PLOVER
!!!!**

TENRYU
NO
YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!



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SABER TOOTH

Name: Yukino Agria

Age: 18

Magic:

Celestial Spirit Magic

Likes:

Her big sister Sorano

Dislikes:

Master Ziemma

Remarks

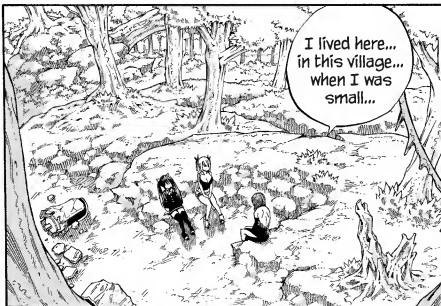
She was ejected from the Saber Tooth guild for a short time during the Grand Magic Games, but she was later reinstated. She uses the same celestial spirit magic as Lucy, and has a contract with the two golden key celestial spirits that Lucy does not possess. Many remember her loss to Kagura, but actually she's quite a strong wizard. She was separated from her big sister Sorano, and now dreams of their reunion.



But... I hated
being the only
one... who was
different...



I lived here...
in this village...
when I was
small...



Up to that
time, I had
never seen
another person
my own
size.



So I
left the
village.





That's when you joined Raven Tail?



But it... just made me scared.

And that's how I wound up like I am.



And the guild really hated Fairy Tail...

...but... that seemed only natural, so I just sort of went along with it...

I didn't... know of any way to make money...

So, completely ignorant about everything, I entered Raven Tail.



So, Flare-san, when you finally returned home, you found it like this?



Don't give it another thought. I certainly won't.

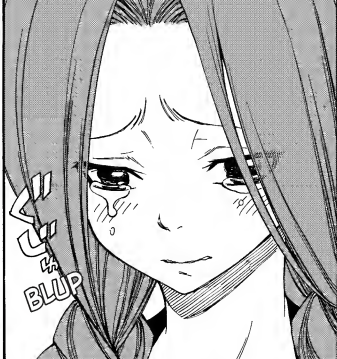
Yes... I'm sorry.



It's okay! Let's be friends now!

Don't cry!
All of them
are still
alive, you
know!

Yeah...



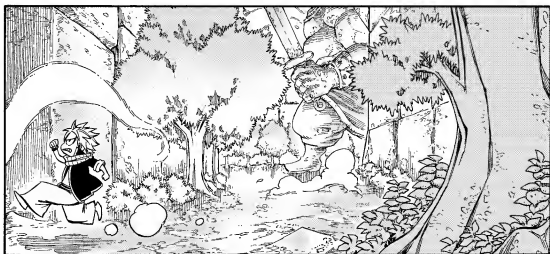
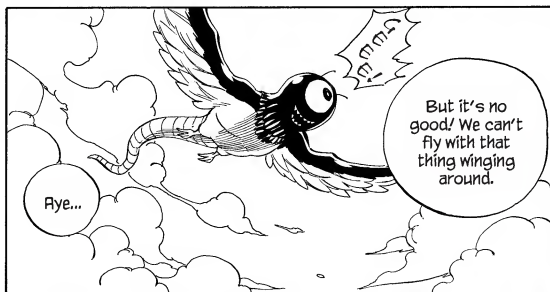
Yeah...



I think the
eternal flame
could melt
everybody's
ice...



Come
with me. I'll
show you
the way!



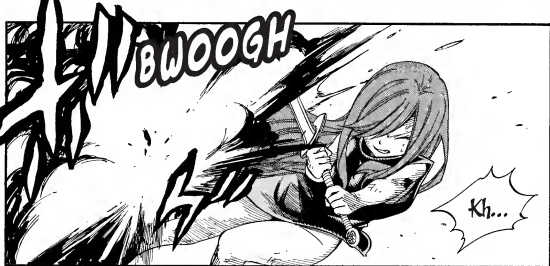


And more importantly!
When do I
get back to
normal?!!



What...

...was
that
voice?!



Kh...



Aaa
!!

VWIP
VWIP

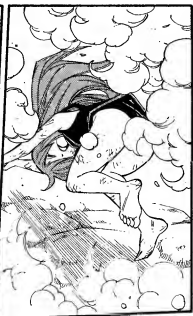


The
great
Erza,
helpless
as a
child!

Ah ha
ha ha!
This is
fun!!



AGH!



SKRRCH



Ah ha ha!

You really are... only a child!



Until I've completely forgotten how you humiliated me at the Grand Magic Games!

I'll give you more pain!! More! More!!

CRATCH

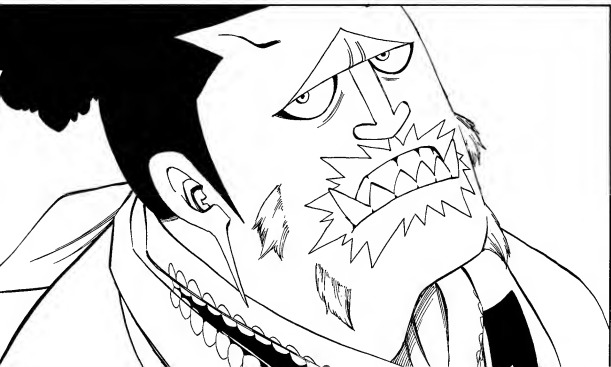
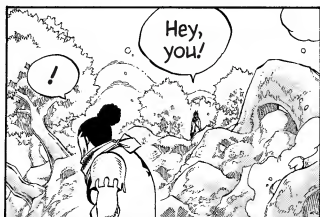
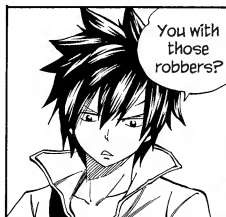
GUH...

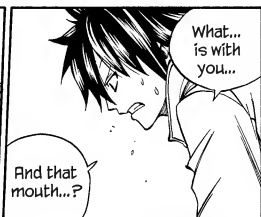


Is defeating the caster the only way to get this magic off me?!

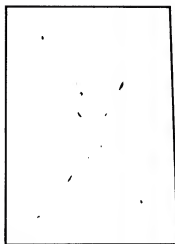


I'm no match for her at all in this form!





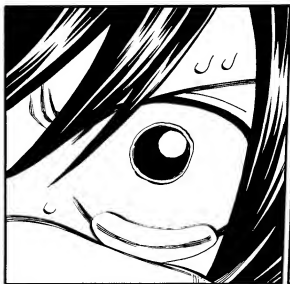






**But that
don't
change
nothin'
!!!!**





*And
it's
gone
now...*

*That thing
killed my
mom and
dad...*



*I know
that!! I
know it,
but...*

*Deliora
does not
exist any
longer.*

*...your
friends
will be in
danger.*



*Show
your
courage.*

*If you
don't defeat
the enemy
standing in
front of you...*

Ur...

*Yes. You're
not alone. I
am watching
over you...*



*The
enemy
stand-
ing in
front of
me...*



*My
friends!*







**Anybody
who uses
ice magic as
repulsive as
this...**

**... should
get a taste
of the real
thing!!!!**

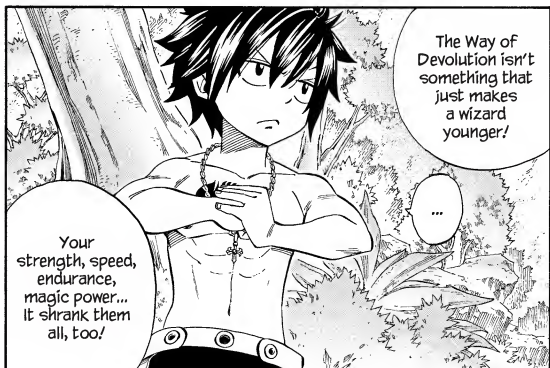
FAIRY TAIL



SABER TOOTH	
Name: Rufus Lore	Age: 19
Magic: Memory Make	
Likes: Poetry	Dislikes: Memo Pads
	

Remarks

A Memory Maker wizard whose nickname is "the Troubadour who Sings to the Red Moon." Memory Make can be used to instantly memorize any magic the wizard sees and change it into a new kind of magic. It can also be employed to manipulate people's memories in a variety of ways, but that wasn't demonstrated during the Grand Magic Games. Realizing there are many similarities between himself and Fairy Tail's Fried, Rufus is considering taking this opportunity to change his image now that he has returned to Saber Tooth.



I made you
a place to
stand.

You
stepped
back a bit,
right?

KRAK!

What's
this...
?!!

!

PACHIK

But I don't
think you'll
be needing
it anymore.

WHAA!

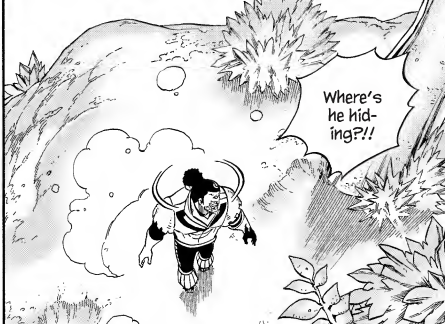
KRAAKL







You fell
for it again,
huh?

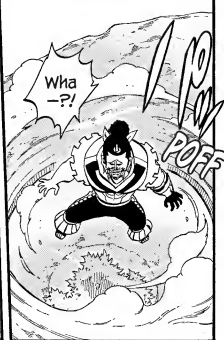


Where's
he hid-
ing?!!



!!

I made that
whole surface
you're standing
on.





That's cold!



Use your head all you want. Your magic don't hurt me none. It don't even tickle...



Yeah, whatever!

I can just turn that little thing into something else.



Man, I bet that shaved ice tastes really gross.



Ha ha ha!!



It wasn't you who froze this village, was it?

Your magic ain't that strong!

But anyway! No ice wizard would think *that* was cold!

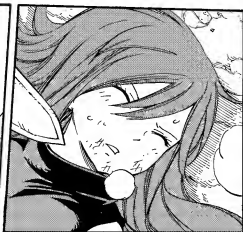
Your secret's out!



I could just kill you right now, but there's something I'd like to hear first.



The humbled, mewling voice of a once-great warrior!



Who knows? I might just change my mind.

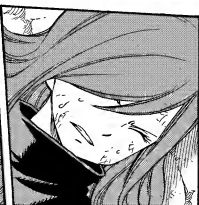
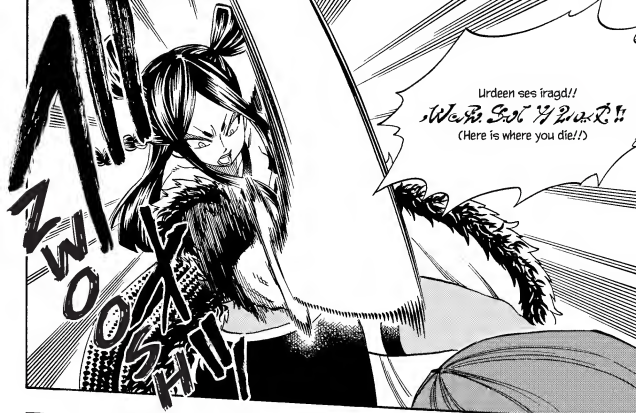


Beg for my forgiveness!

Plead for my mercy!









AGH!

THANK
YOU

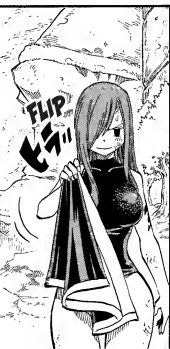
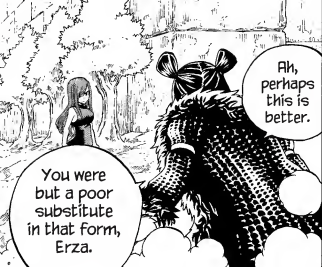
WHOOOSH
!!!

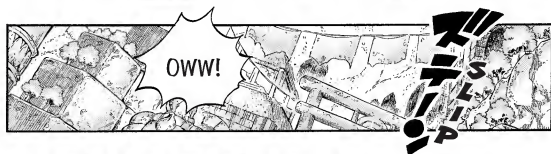
My
body...

It's
back to
normal
?!!!

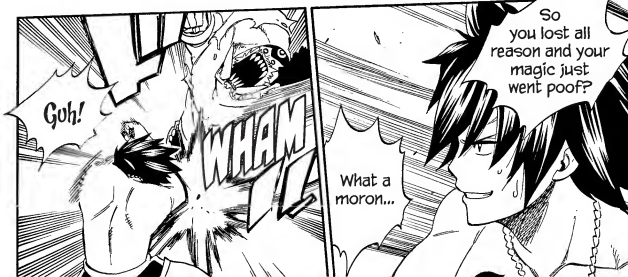


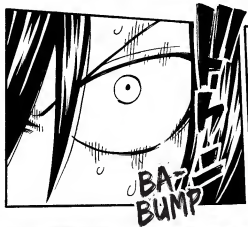














A demon
from the Book
of Zeref...



FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 350: Gray vs. Doriath



SABER TOOTH	
Name: Olga Nanagia	Age: 23
Magic:	Thunder God Slayer Magic
Likes:	Singing
Dislikes:	Fire

Remarks

He's the most powerful wizard in Saber Tooth, using thunder god slayer magic. They say god slayer magic can kill gods, and that it's an Ancient Spell that has been feared for ages. He was defeated in the Grand Magic Games in one punch by Jura, but he thinks of that as a good memory. Now he is spending all his time in training for a rematch with Laxus or Jura. He is very fond of Lecter and Frosch, and he often watches them hoping for a chance to play with them.



Then what
is this
guy...?!

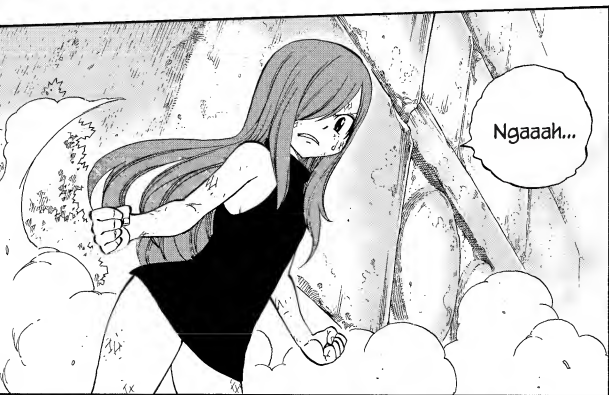


But did he
start out as
human...?!
No... that
can't be
right!!

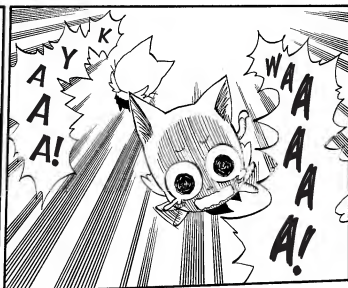
A demon
from the
Book of
Zeref...













Didn't work!!



GRASSH



Okay....!!!
Then I'll
freeze his
feet so
he can't
move!!!

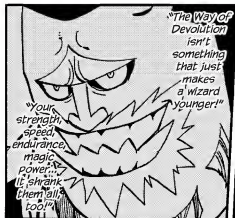
PACHIK



SKRRRCOOCH
+ + + + +



Gray
!!



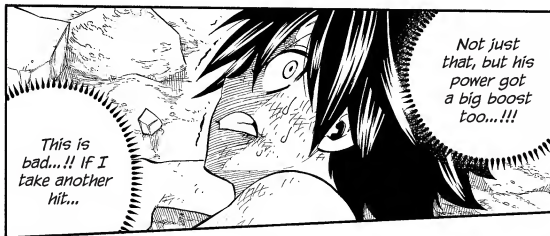
"The Way of Devolution isn't something that just makes a wizard younger!"

"Your strength, speed, endurance, magic power... I shrunk them all, too!"



Wh—
What's
with this
guy...?

Just one
attack,
and...



This is
bad...!! If I
take another
hit...

Not just
that, but his
power got
a big boost
too...!!!

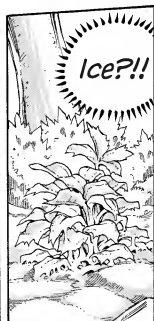
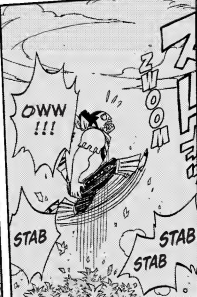
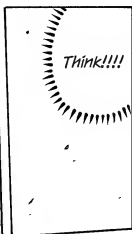
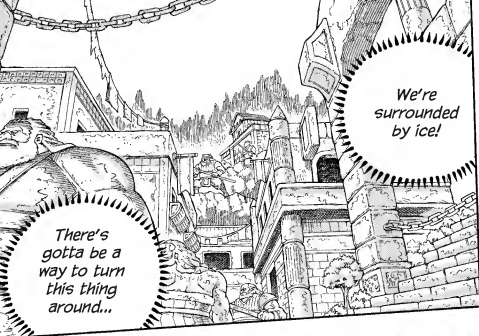


What can
I do?!!



I can't
avoid this
one!!!



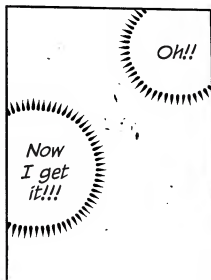




Even the two
of us to-
gether can't
get any
altitude!!



Thanks,
guys!!



Now
I get
it!!!



!!!



ST

PP

But the grass he fell on was made of that special ice, and that actually seemed to damage him!



Normally a guy of his size would just shatter frozen grass.



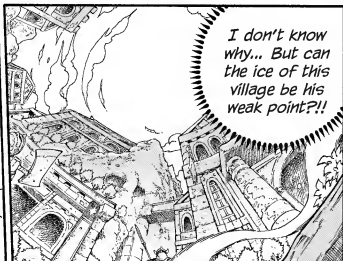
When he turned me into a kid, my ice didn't work on him...

...but the frozen grass did hurt him!

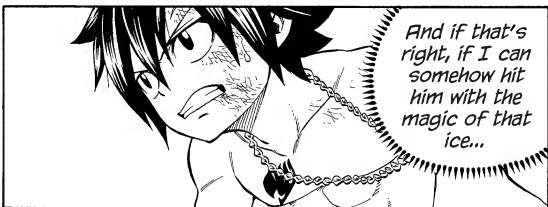
Even when he's lost all reason, he instinctively avoids contact with the ice! That could be proof!



I don't know why... But can the ice of this village be his weak point?!!



And if that's right, if I can somehow hit him with the magic of that ice...

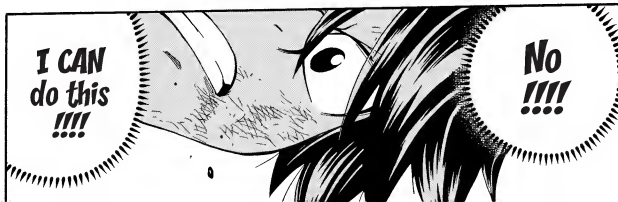




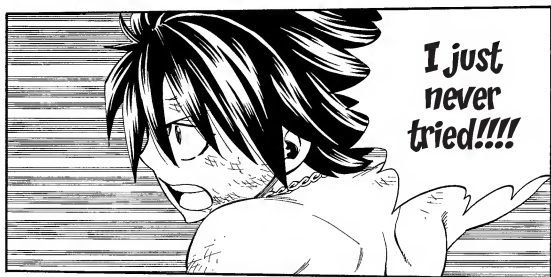
If I could control the ice of this village...



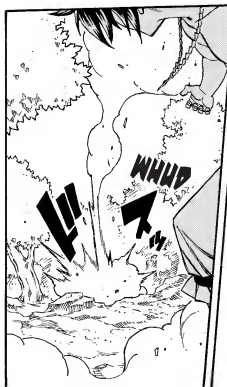
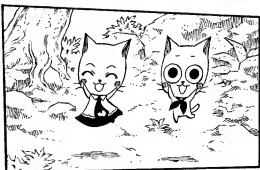
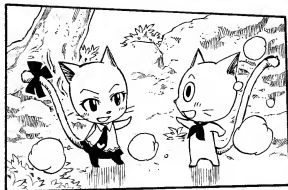
Okay...
so...
how?!

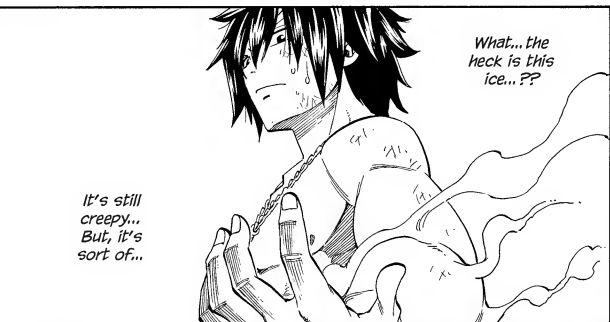


No
!!!!











FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 351: Eternal Flame

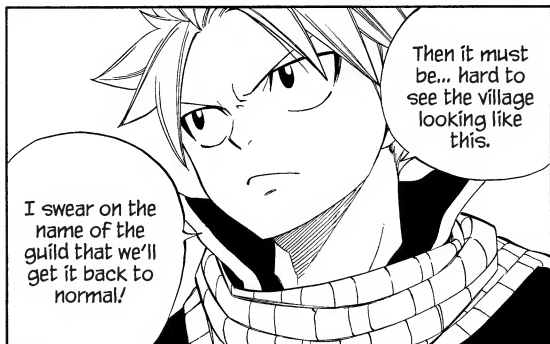


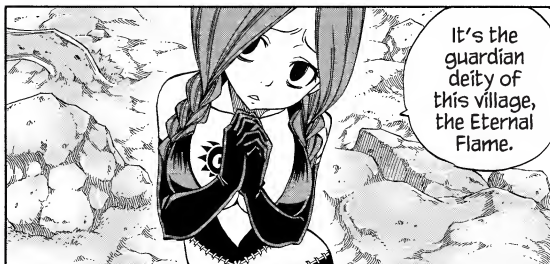
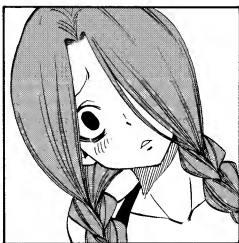
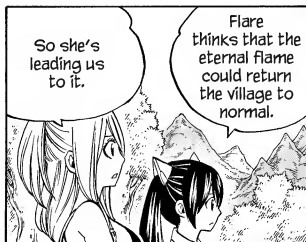
LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Lyon Vastia	Age: 26
Magic: Ice Make Magic	
Likes: Ur	Dislikes: Gray
	

Remarks

He's gotten quite powerful over the last seven years, and now he's famous as a top wizard, standing alongside the likes of Jura. After the Fairy Tail members returned from Sirius Island, he fell in love with Juvia at first sight, and it was only at the end of the Grand Magic Games that he finally realized Juvia's feelings and stopped vying for her attention. Those around him were shocked by his aggressiveness towards a woman.







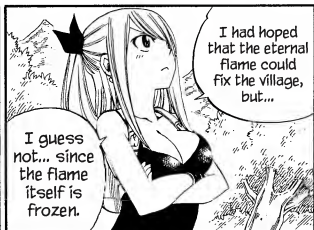
DOOM

**This is
the Eternal
Flame.**

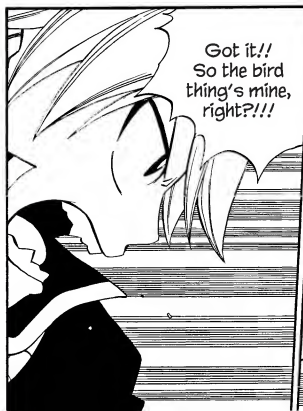
Wha?!

?!!!











Yeah
!!!

Can you
do it?!!



This mountain
is the eternal
flame!! Your job
is to melt the
ice on it!!

What
?!!

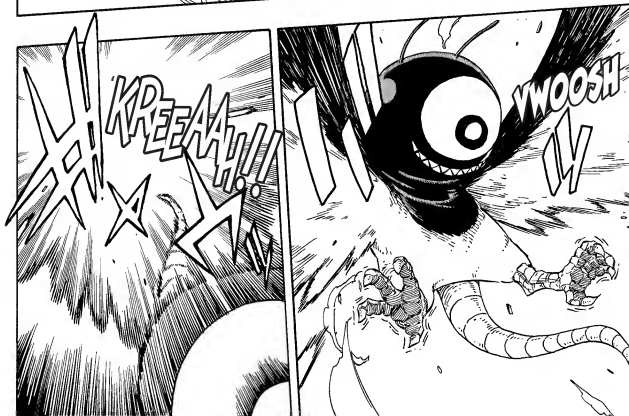
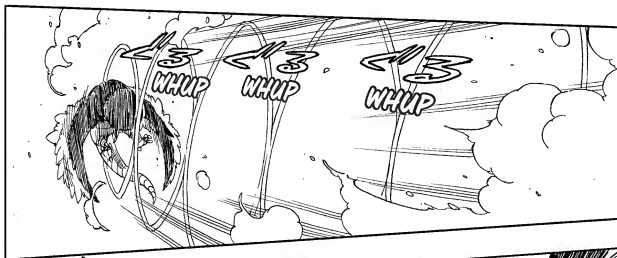


Go for
it!!!!

Gray
!!

Natsu
!!



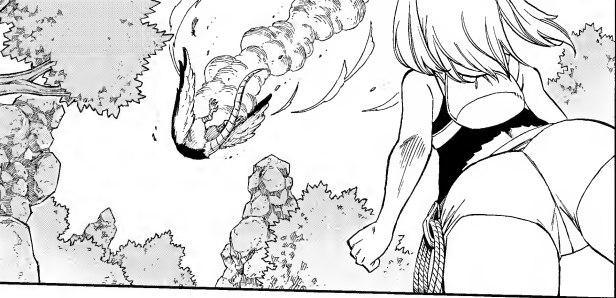




**It's
gonna
save the
village
!!!!**



KHAN





I *have* been able to make it pass through my body!

Maybe it's 'cause we have the ice thing in common.

I don't know what's the deal with the ice in this village!

I haven't been able to control it or melt it, but...



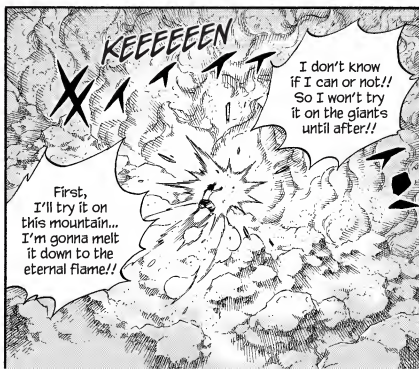
I'm going to make it into ice my magic can use!!!

ICE MAKE!!!



What do you do with it after?

You got its magic to pass through your body?



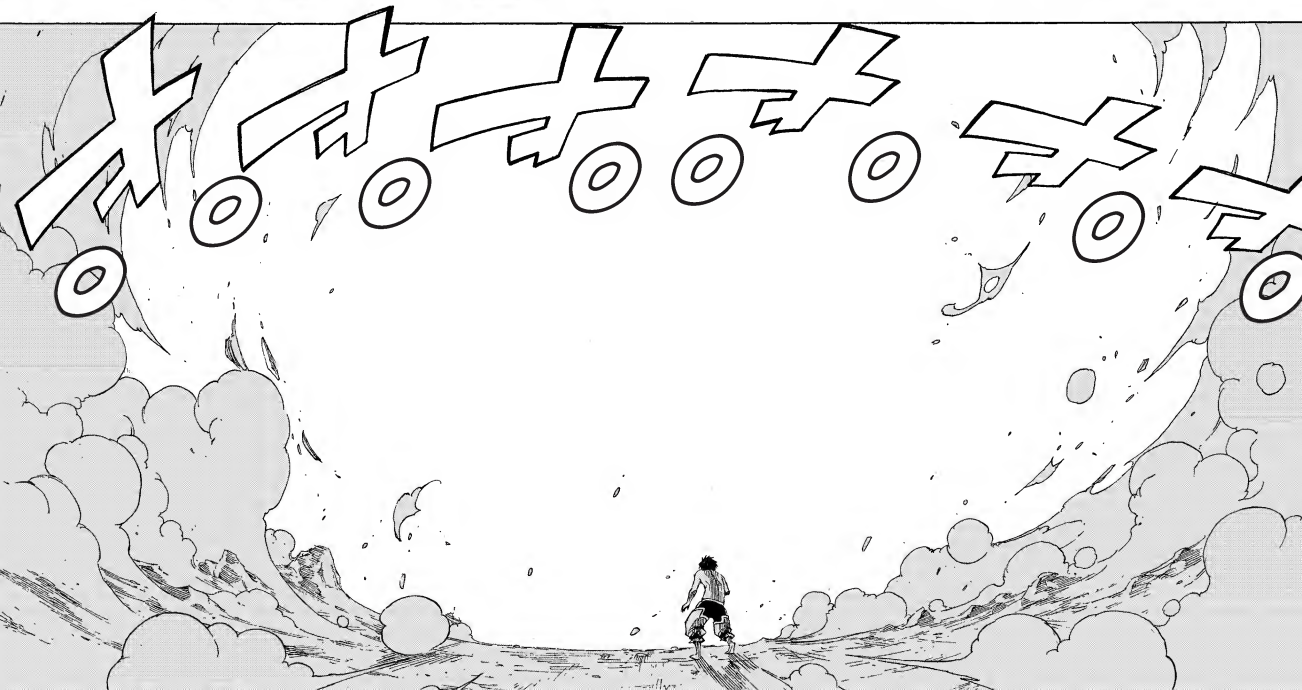
First, I'll try it on this mountain... I'm gonna melt it down to the eternal flame!!

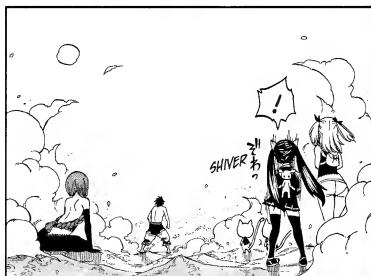
I don't know if I can or not!! So I won't try it on the giants until after!!



Incredible... You can do that...?







FAIRY TAIL

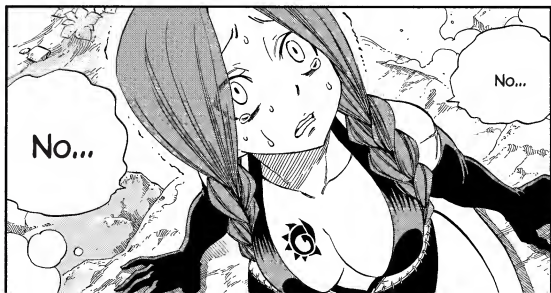
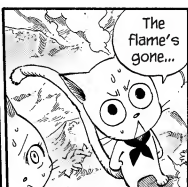
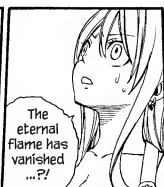
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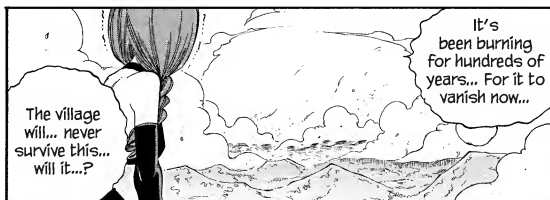


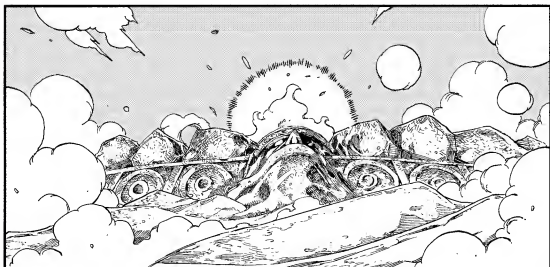
LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Jura Neekis	Age: 34
Magic:	All kinds of Earth Magic
Likes:	The Guild
Dislikes:	Peas
	

Remarks

He has been designated a wizard saint, an honor bestowed on the ten top wizards on the continent. Over the past seven years, he moved up in rank from last to fifth among them. He was defeated in the Grand Magic Games by a young man named Laxus, but simply found that refreshing. After the Grand Magic Games, some members of the Council voiced the opinion that the wizard who defeated Jura should be made a wizard saint, but due to Laxus's history of attitude problems, his designation has been put on hold.









Natsu's
fire...

Natsu's
fire could
bring it
back to full
strength!!



But it
looks very
weak!

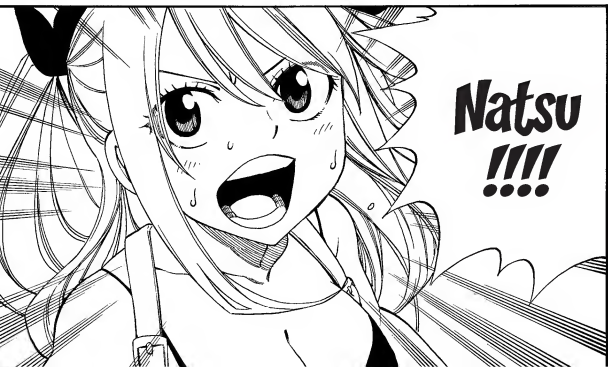
There's a
really tiny
flame left
there.



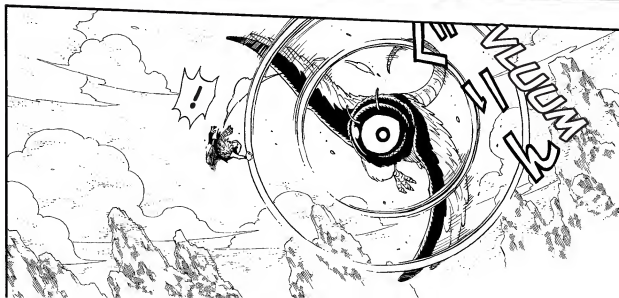
You
mean
Pink-
hair?



Oh,
yeah...



**Natsu
!!!!**



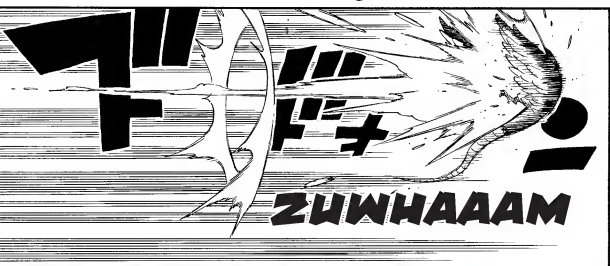
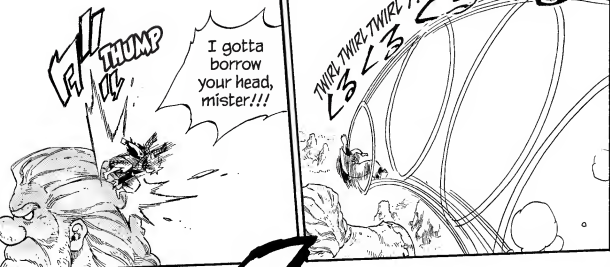




GHWOOGH





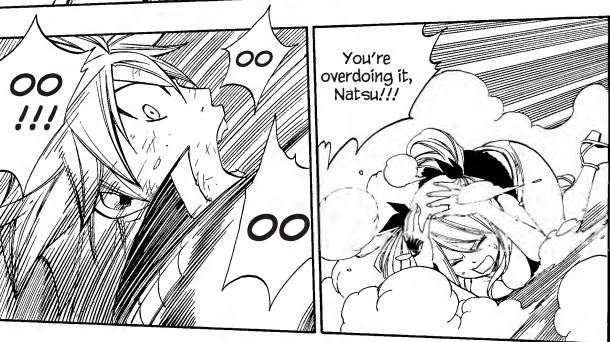
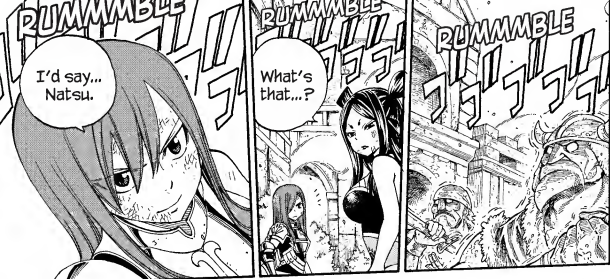




*Fire Dragon's "Gleaming Flame"

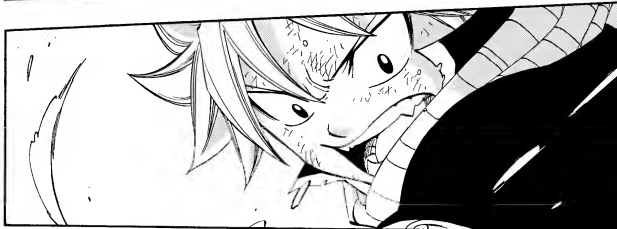
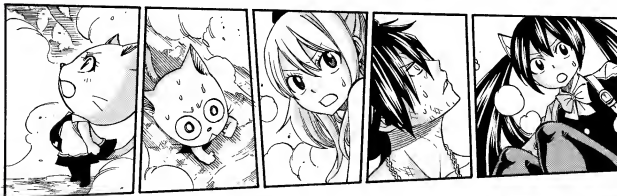




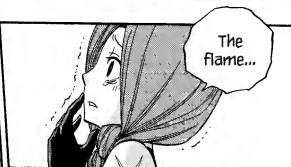




**GUREN
BAKUEN-
JIN!!!!***



The
guardian
deity...



The
flame...





Has it
been 400
years...?

Child of
Ignel...

FIRE DRAGON
ATLAS FLAME

FAIRYTAIL



LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Sherria Blendy	Age: 15
Magic: Sky God Slayer Magic	
Likes: Love	Dislikes: Spicy foods

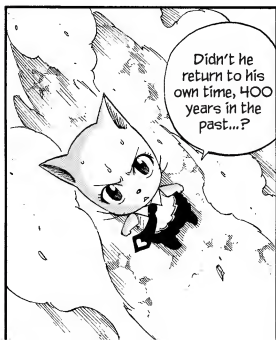


Remarks

Sherria is Sherry's cousin (daughter of Sherry's mother's little sister). Ever since Sherria was small, she always seemed to have more magic power than Sherry, and she even skipped some grades in her school of magic to graduate early. She taught herself god slayer magic from a book awarded her for academic excellence by the chairman of the Magic Council, Grand Doma. He never dreamed she would actually be able to put it into practice! She really likes Wendy, who she became friends with during the Grand Magic Games. They've gone out to have fun together (along with Carla) many times since.



GWOOOOOOGH



Didn't he
return to his
own time, 400
years in the
past...?

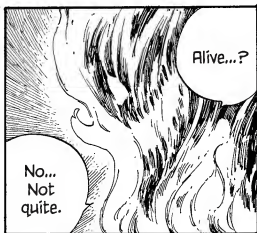
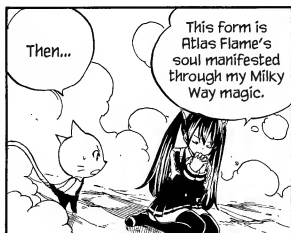


Huh?



One of the
dragons
who came
out of the
Eclipse
door!

That's...





Maybe it was the ice.

What's going on? Zirconis remembered everything clearly.



Pull it together, Mister!

I do remember you, child of Igneel.

Hmm... This place is...

I am...



And because he was frozen for a long time in this magic ice, a portion of his memory was damaged...

It takes a very strong will for one's presence to persist after death, but it is very weak magic.



You're talking about this village, right, Mister?

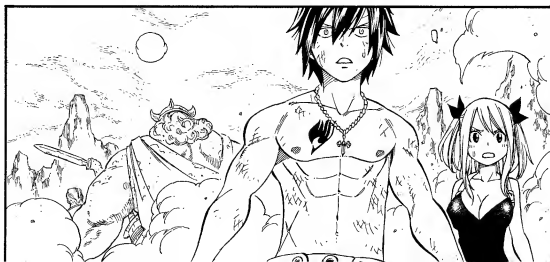
The world... covered in ice!



Ice...

Hmm...

It was ice...











I made
this
village!

Good!!
You're
remember-
ing!



I am...

I
remem-
ber...

I am the
Fire of the
Giants,
Atlas
Flame!



Using the last
traces of my
soul combined
with the fires
of the child of
Igneel...

When my
village is
unhappy, it
pains me...

When it feels
sorrow, I weep
with it...

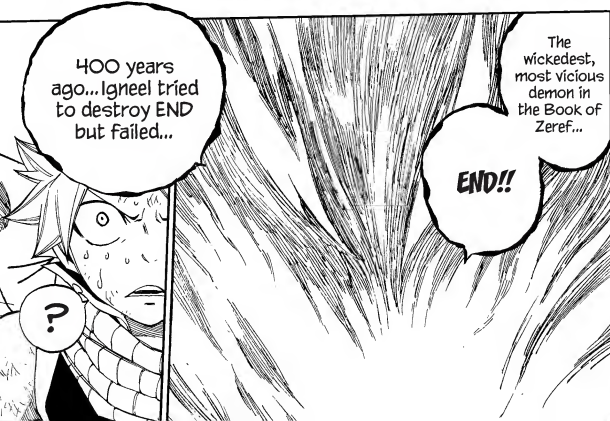
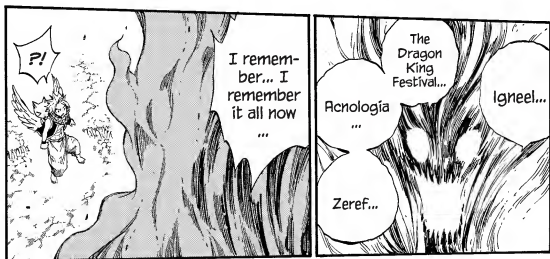


...I will set
this village
free...

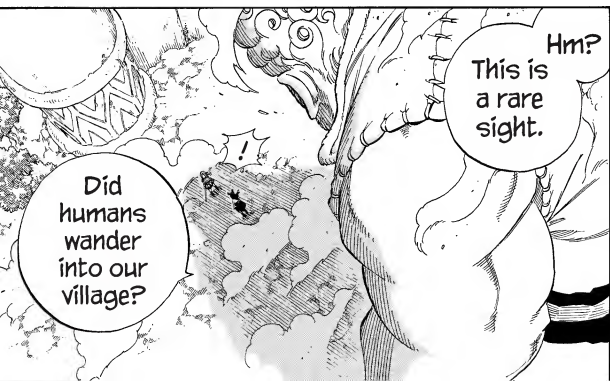
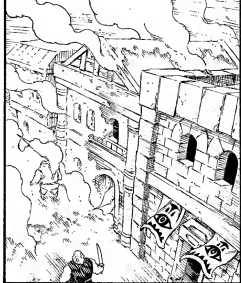
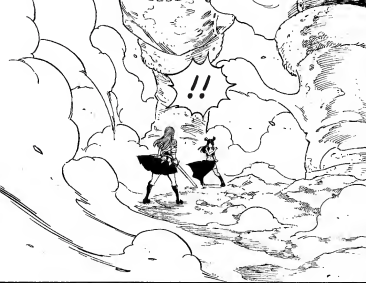


**My name
is the fire
dragon Atlas
Flame!**

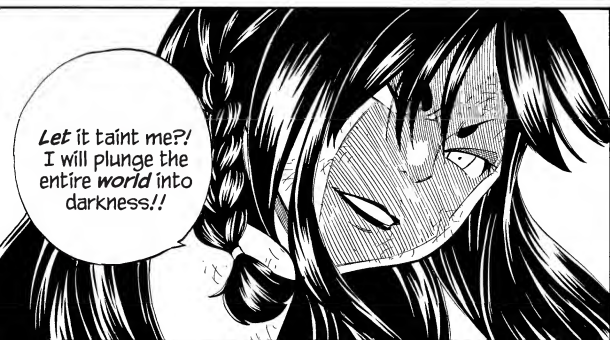
**I am the
guardian
dragon of
this village
!!!**



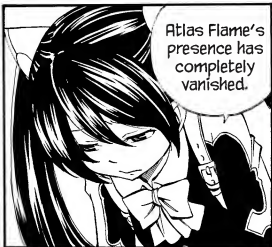






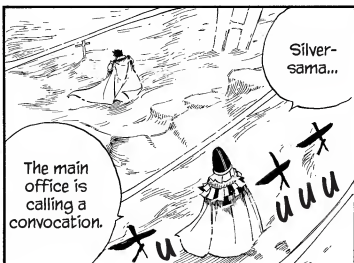








I'm visiting a grave. Maybe later.



Silver-sama...

The main office is calling a convocation.



CHANK

Don't act so scared.

I ain't gonna bite your head off.



Ice Devil Slayer, Silver-sama!! Please comply with their demand for your presence...



This time, every member of the *Nine Demon Gates* has been summoned!



The only thing
I'm interested in
eating is demon
souls.

**ABSOLUTE
ZERO**



ONE OF THE NINE
DEMON GATES
OF TARTAROS

**ABSOLUTE ZERO
SILVER**

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Leaving off whether I'm good or bad, I love writing, and even dialog in a manga is, in some way, writing. And the Question Corner at the end of almost every book is nothing but writing. I'll also bet that I began this "Afterword" section out of my love of writing too, but recently with my "From the Author" comments at the beginning of the books, my margin comments in the magazine installments, and with the stupid number of tweets I do every day on my Twitter account, I've found recently a huge load of places to talk about things. And a lot of those are in pretty much real time! With all that, I've slowly begun to run out of things to put in my afterwords. This is a problem. Here in Volume 41, this whole story started with the idea that even though Erza is tiny, she's still strong! But if I did that, then people might come away with the idea that "Minerva sure has gotten weak these days," instead. So I dumped that idea and went with, "Even when tiny, Erza still keeps her eyes on the prize, and she even goes so far as to lecture people!" I also obsessed over giving Gray a featured spot considering he didn't get much to do during the Grand Magic Games, so his part in this series is a real standout.

By the way, Gray is slated to have a big part in the next arc too. That's the new series that starts in the next volume, and it's going to be another huge one. I said about the same thing before the Grand Magic Games started too, huh? (sweat) If the last series was a huge gathering of characters, this new series will be a huge gathering of different techniques. I've been building up manga-making techniques for fifteen years, and I'm going to use them to make this next series a really exciting one! Stay tuned!!

GRIMOIRE HEART



Master: Hades. It was their goal to take over Fairy Tail, the Black Wizard and make the Great Magic World a reality. They invaded Sirius Island, where Zero was, but they were destroyed in the *Fury of Fairy Tail's* counterattack. Two of the members of the guild's strongest team, the Seven Kin of Purgatory, are Ultear and Merudy.

Let us begin!

DARK GUILD
GRIMOIRE HEART
MASTER HADES

Set course for the Fairy Island!

We demons will bring down a crushing blow on humanity!!!

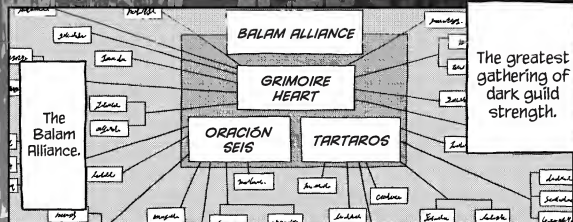
Until that happens, you better not mess around with my memories.

The gate to the world of the dead is gonna open.

THE FINAL CORNER OF THE BALAM ALLIANCE TRIANGLE, TARTAROS, HAS WRIGGLED OUT OF THE SLIME... AND ARE CLOSING IN, WORKING TOWARD A CALAMITY THAT WILL STUN THE WORLD!!

FAIRY TAIL VS. THE BALAM ALLIANCE

THE FATEFUL HISTORY



The greatest gathering of dark guild strength.

The Balam Alliance is

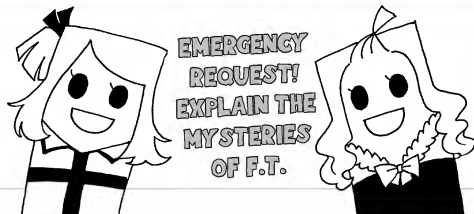
The greatest gathering of dark guild power in the form of three guilds: Oración Seis, Grimoire Heart, and Tartaros. Under the umbrella of those three guilds are a huge number of dark guilds who are subordinate to them.

ORACIÓN SEIS



Master: Zero. They tried to make use of the Hyper Reversal Magic of Nirvana to destroy the order of the world. The guilds of Fairy Tail, Blue Pegasus, Lamia Scale, and Cait Shelter formed a combined force that stopped them. One member, Cobra, is a poison dragon slayer (2nd Generation).





**EMERGENCY
REQUEST!
EXPLAIN THE
MYSTERIES
OF F.T.**

Somewhere in Magnolia...

Mira: Welcome boys and girls! It's me Mira!

Lucy: ...

Mira: Here we are at question corner!

Lucy: What's with the fast talk?



: Just a whim. I'm already tired of it, so we'll just move along.



: O-Okay.

Mira: Now, our first question.

**Is
Warrod
Human?**



Lucy: Heh heh!

Mira: It's rude to laugh at him...
Ha ha ha!

Lucy: There are a whole lot of other suspicious people in this world aside from him, but yeah, I think he's human.

Mira: Probably human.

Lucy: Next question.

*That thing
that's kind of
like Zeref's
familiar. I'd
like to know
its name.*



Mira: It's Obra.

Lucy: Wasn't that a member
of Raven Tail?



: Right. The human form was the puppet, and the little thing was the actual form of the creature.



: Ehhhhh...?!!

Mira: Even the master of Raven Tail, Ivan, had no idea, and that's why he allowed Obra in.

Lucy: Come to think of it, I remember a decryption of the human form (at least we thought it was human) that said he had a tendency to suddenly stop moving.

Mira: Suddenly stopping moving. That's scary!

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signature page

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signature page

Lucy: Mira-san, there's that fast talk again!

Mira: Next question!

*What is that
mysterious
language
Minerva was
using?*



Lucy: I wanna know the answer to that!



: I naga!
Y Zeref!!!



: Aah! What did you just say?



: "Be gone."

Lucy: What an awful thing to say!

Mira: I'm talking the language of Yakuma.

Lucy: Language of Yakuma?

Mira: A long time ago, there was a race called the Yakuma, and that was the language the clan used.

Lucy: The first master was really shocked and said something about the Yakuma Eighteen Battle Gods. Anything to do with that?



Mira: There were eighteen types of dangerous magics handed down through the Yakuma called the "Yakuma Eighteen Battle Gods." This was one of them.



: "Yagd"... "Rigola"... Those are pretty hard to pronounce!



: Yagd Rigola!!!

Lucy: Mira-san, that's amazing!!

Mira: Of course I can't use the magic. She was the first person I'd ever seen who could.

Lucy: Even the first master was shocked, huh?

Mira: I was shocked too.



: For real this time. Why the fast talk?



: Lucy, why don't you just give it a try yourself?

Lucy: Huh?

Mira: It's fun!

Lucy: O-Okay... Ahem.
You can call me Lucy.

Mira: That's hard to read.

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GUILD d'ART

Whoa!! That's incredible!! How many characters are drawn here?! A hard job well done!



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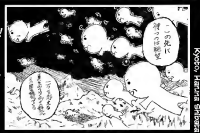


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This scene's even more... it's like the manga will be overrun by sketches!



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NEXT TIME

Very
well! We will
show the humans
the power of the
Underworld!

I'm Natsu
of Fairy
Tail!!!

Who're
you?

The hell
of the Nine
Demon Gates
of Tartaros!

...but we suspect
they may have
an extremely
powerful demon
of the Book of
Zeref at their
beck and call.

Time to
hunt some
demons!!

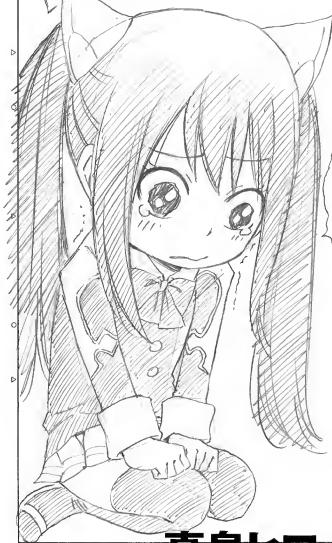


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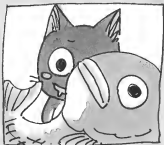


I WENT AND
MISPLACED THE
COVER... I'M SO
SORRY!

真島ヒロ HIROSHIMA



FROM HIRO MASHIMA



I'm so busy that I'm getting dizzy.
But they say it's when a manga artist
is busy that he or she is happiest.
When one of us is **not** busy, we get
so lonely we cry and wail. And I hope
to always be a manga artist, so I'm
going to work really hard so that I
can complain, "I'm too busy," all the
time!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 42, Blue-black

Jet-black hair is often called "blue-black" in the West because the highlights (reflections of light) look almost like a very dark blue. That idea has been reflected in American comic books, where the hair is mostly blacked in, but again, the highlights are colored blue. Japanese manga artists do the same thing with hair, and Wendy's hair is a good example of "blue-black" hair.



Page 48, Ebi

As mentioned in the notes way back in Volume 2, there is a habit of some manga characters to end their sentences with an identifiable-but basically meaningless word. Cats might end their sentences with "nya" (the sound of a cat's meow in Japanese). Crab characters may end their sentences with "kani" (the Japanese word for 'crab'). So it was a surprise to the regular characters when Cancer the crab ended his sentences with 'ebi' (the Japanese word for 'shrimp').



Page 90, Shaved ice

Although shaved ice (also called snowcones) is a summertime treat in the West, it is particularly popular in Japan, with many different types of topping aside from the sweet, fruit-flavored syrups available in the west. Uni (sea bream), for example, is considered a real shaved-ice luxury topping. On the other hand, shaved ice on the top of a dark wizard's (or demon's) head would not be very appetizing in either culture.



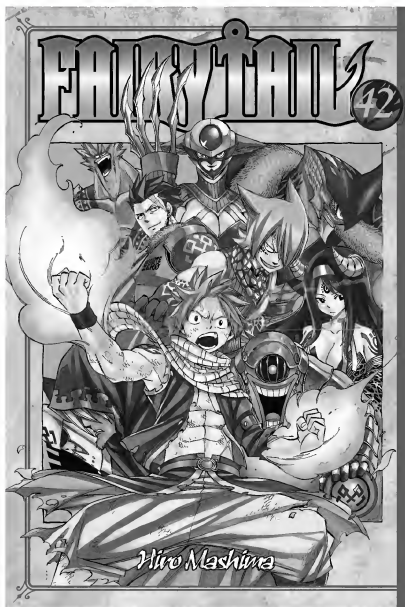
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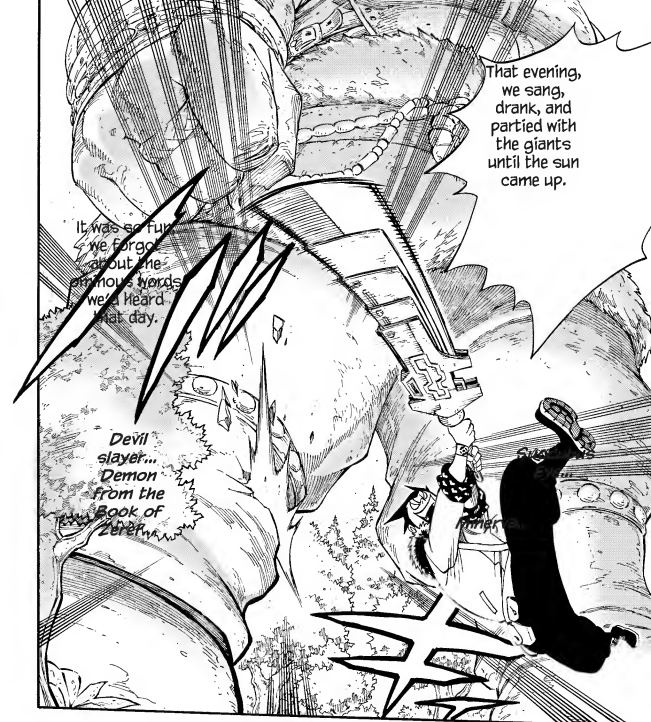
This isn't a Japanese word for an ending, but rather the English initials E, N, and D written (even in the Japanese version) in English letters. It's meant to be read out, like "ee en dee."



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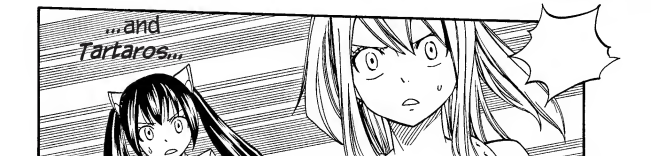




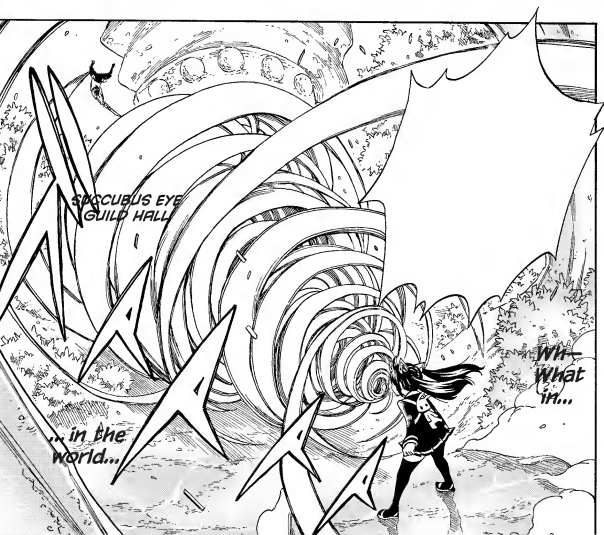
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drank, and
partied with
the giants
until the sun
came up.

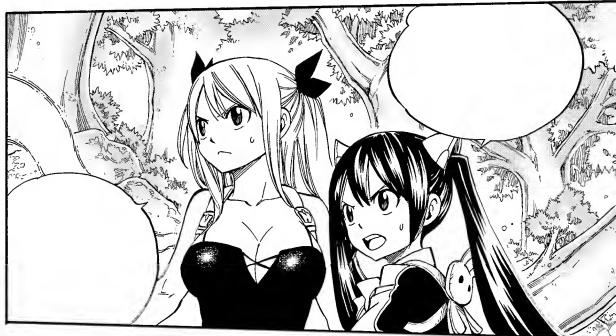
It was so fun
we forgot
about the
ominous words
we'd heard
that day.

Devil
slayer...
Demon
from the
Book of
Zeref...



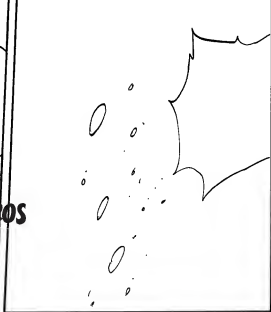
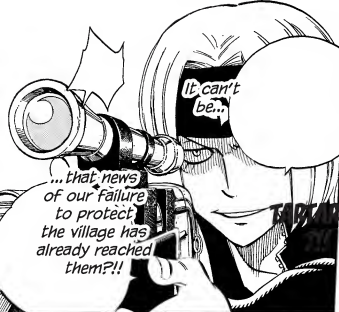
...and
Tartaros...











TABARROS

...that news
of our failure
to protect
the village has
already reached
them?!!



This one has
already spoken of
her purpose here
To strengthen
humans

Of what do
you speak?
This one has no
memory of any
such village.

So Silver was
acting on
his own when
he sent us
there?



You would take
such drastic
action over the
loss of a single
village?



Those
unsuitable for
strengthen-
ing are of no
value to us.

These wizards
should have been
your soldiers...
What fool does
that to her own
troops?!

This one is
here under
the master's
orders to
muster our
forces.

In the
coming
days...we
will execute
a massive
operation.

The
question
is, are
you?

Don't...

Stop...

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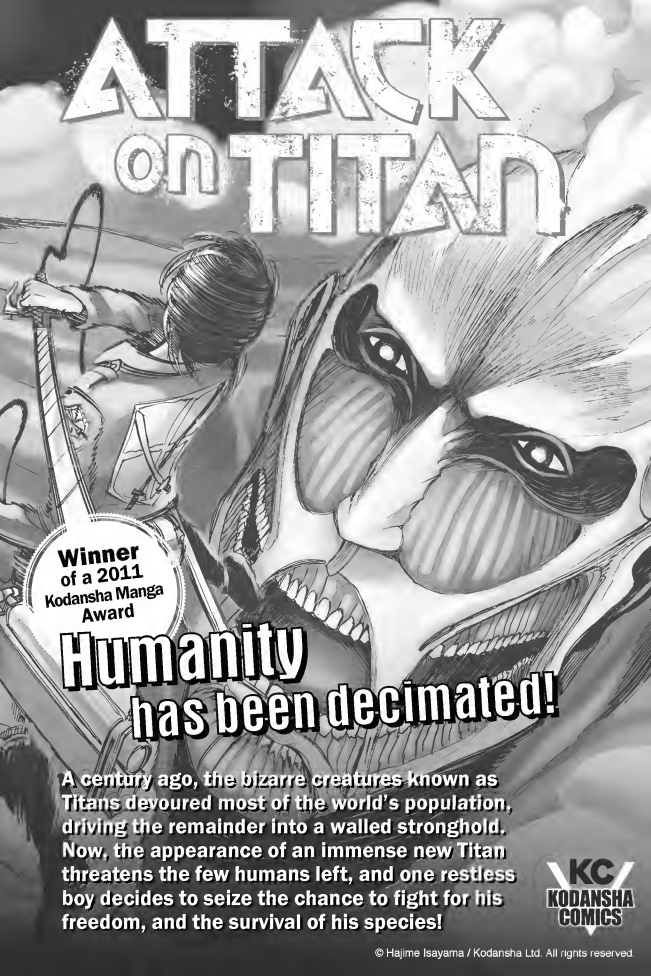
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